

APPENDIX III—*contd.*

- (ii) No.
- (iii) Some petitions have been received by the High Court.
- (iv) No. The jurisdiction over Devanhalli Taluk was transferred to the Chikballapur Munsiff's Court in 1907 since the Dodballapur Munsiff's Court was abolished.
- (b) Yes. There are some inconveniences.
- (c) There is no direct railway communication or bus service.
- (d) Statement appended (*vide* Appendix).
- (e) Some petitions have been received and they were referred to the High Court. It is not possible to state the exact number.

MESSRS. PATEL VEERE GOWDA and PATEL HANUME GOWDA (Dodballapur Taluk).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) Whether it is not a fact that when in 1917-18, the price of ragi had risen to Rs. 130 per cart-load, Government were pleased to order that ragi should not be sold at a rate exceeding Rs. 100 per cart-load and that ragi stocked by the raiyats was commandeered and taken away by Government from the owners without their consent at Rs. 100 per cart-load?

(b) When prices rose high, were not the Government pleased to sanction temporarily high prices allowance to the employees of all departments on account of dearness of provisions?

(c) Whether it has come to their notice that during the last two years the prices of all food grains have fallen by 75 per cent?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—6. (a) From the information contained in the special weekly reports regarding the food situation received at the time, it does not appear that the price of ragi went up to the figure mentioned in the question.

(b) Yes, to some of the employees.

(c) There has been a fall in prices of food stuffs but not to the extent suggested.